



Croeso i`r Bachgen Ddu

One of the oldest Inns in wales

Our Kitchen Team are led by Martin & Marius two highly skilled and experienced chefs.

Any feedback on your experience with us is appreciated.

Please order at the counter or if in dining room a member of staff will take your order .Take care to check your receipt after ordering.

Allergies are taken very seriously; most of our gravy is prepared with arrowroot base. If any queries, please ask any member of staff who will check with kitchen. Our meals may contain nuts.

All weights are approximate and uncooked.

As all meals are freshly cooked there will always be a wait time of up to 30 minutes, longer as will be obvious in peak summer as the Inn seats up to 280 persons in the various areas.

The Majority of our meat and fish is locally supplied in the main by Bob Jones (Butcher Caernarfon) Bay Seafood's (Fish Holyhead). Four Seasons (Vegetables & Fruit).All other produce is fully traceable.

Groups will be supplied with one bill for payment to us; we will not accept individual payments of the bill.

THE BLACK BOY or BUOY History

The question that requires an answer to is when was the name Black Boy first used?

Although records called The Ale House recognisances go as far back as 1764, only the names of the victuallers appeared with that of 'their guarantors up to the years preceding 1820. It was only in that year that the names of their licensed premises also appeared and, in this particular case, we find that there were two adjacent taverns on this site. The Black Boy was No.7 in the street and the four Shillings and Six Pence was No.9, a Mr.

Thomas Parry being the licensee of the former, and a Mr. Thomas Williams licensee of the latter.

Going further back to the turn of the century we find on a map dated circa 1800 that the official name of the street at that time was The Black Boy Street and the same is true of a Census of 1794. The latter was not a proper Census as those which family historians are accustomed. It was more of a head count giving only the name of the head of the family and recording where appropriate (and wife), then the number of children and of servants and finally a total of the number of people in the house. We find that 48 people in all lived in Black Boy Street in 1794.

Further research in the Archives at Caernarfon showed that a dwelling house was sold by Mr. Thomas Wynne the squire of Glynllifon to a Mr Henry Robyn's in 1717 and on the deed it states that the name of the street was Street Y Black Boy.

Now if we could go back another 60 years we would be in the middle of the period of the Protectorate under Oliver Cromwell and this is where a well known journalist and author, who died last year, Mr. Ivor Wynne Jones, claimed to have seen documents that were found when the renovations which included extension were made to this building some 50 years ago by the then landlord Mr. Norman Underhill.

He maintained that it was here that the supporters of the monarchy met regularly and drank a loyal toast "To the Black Boy". They were referring to the heir to the throne who later became Charles II, but dare not mention his name lest they were overheard by some of Cromwell's spies.

Black Boy was in fact a pet name given to the heir to the throne by his mother Henrietta Maria, French by birth but with some Spanish blood in her veins. When Charles was born he is said to have had a swarthy complexion and his mother used to refer to him as "My Beautiful Black Boy! Now it is understood that there are Black Boy's in other towns and that this explanation is regarded as being the true version for the origin of the name.

It is not therefore; absolutely certain when the name Black Boy was first used in Caernarfon, but Ivor Wynne Jones' contribution to the debate cannot be faulted.

The next question that needs to be addressed is how it was that the "Black Boy Street" or "Street Y Black Boy" became to be called "Northgate Street" In English and "Stryd Pedwar a Chwech" in Welsh. To commence with, let us take the English name "Northgate Street", Along the centuries since the completion of the town walls in 1290 it should be noted that there was no such entrance in the town wall and it was circa 1820's that the opening was created at the bottom of the street to allow access to the walled town. The entrance at the bottom of Church Street was the first to be created shortly after renovations were carried out to the St. Mary Church in Church Street 1810 - 1814. This it is believed occurred c. 1817, and was followed by the other two streets running parallel viz. Market Street and Northgate

Street. In 1610, John Spede's Map shows that Palace Street was the official name of the street from Castle Ditch right down to where the town wall was breached and from then on that entrance was called "North Gate". Previously there existed only "The East Gate" 'Y Porth Mawr' and "The West Gate" 'Porth yr Aur'.

The answer as to why the Welsh name "Stryd Pedwar a Chwech" was adopted is quite apparent. As was first stated the present Black Boy is made up of two taverns No.7 and No.9 in the street and in 1820 when the new entrance became known as "Northgate" the name of the tavern at No.9 was "The Four and Six Pence" which translates as "Pedwar a Chwech". Hence the English version of the street name became "Northgate Street" and the Welsh version after a tavern in the street "Stryd Pedwar a Chwech".

I Dechrau

Soup/Cawl	<i>Served with chunky bread.....</i>	£3.95
Deep Fried Whitebait	.....	£ 7.20
	<i>Served with house dressed salad and Caernarfon dip</i>	
Menai Strait Mussels	.....	£7.95
	<i>With lemon grass, ginger, chili, garlic & coconut milk</i>	
	Above as sharer for TWO	£11.95
Pan Fried Tiger Prawns	.....	£7.20
	<i>In garlic butter with bread and a house dressed salad</i>	
Deep Fried Chicken Dunks	... ..	£6.10
	<i>Served with a salad and a sweet chilli dip</i>	
Grilled Cheese	.....	£5.95
	<i>With a red onion compote and tomatoes served with bread</i>	
Metza	<i>Olives-vine leaves-humus-Babagamoush, feta cheese with flat bread</i>	£6.95
Smoked Rainbow Trout Pate	.....	£7.10
	<i>With tomato & spring onion salad, honey roast pear & Melba toast</i>	
Pont Blue and Red Onion Tart	.....	£6.95
	<i>With green tomato & banana chutney</i>	
Anglesey Smokies	.....	£7.25
	<i>Braised smoked haddock in a Welsh cheese sauce with prawns, mushrooms topped with an herb crumb, toast fingers</i>	
Black Boy's Own Chopped Mixed Salad	.....	£5.25
	<i>Finely chopped salad and mixed leaves with our own special dressing</i>	
(With chicken)	.....	£9.25



Prydau Llawn

Traditional Caernarfon Lob Scouse£ 7.95

Shin of Welsh Black beef cooked with onions, root vegetables and potatoes in a stock, served with chunky bread

Steak and Ale Pie (Purple Moose Brewery) £8.95

Conway Welsh Beef cooked slowly in ale gravy 'till tender and topped with a puff pastry lid served with chips.

Welsh Pie Black Boy recipe..... £8.25

Welsh minced beef with chunky root vegetables topped with mashed potato, served with gravy, garden peas and homemade chips

Conway Valley Lambs Liver £8.95

Served on crushed potatoes with a bacon onion gravy

Owain Glyndwr Pork 'n' Leek Sausage £8.25

Award winning sausage served with crushed potatoes and onion gravy

Fiery Dragon Chicken Curry £8.95

Our own creamy speciality served with steamed rice

Southern Italian Lasagne £7.45

Layers of pasta infused with beef and topped with cheese and tomato sauce served with salad

Stokers Lamb Cobbler £12.95

Braised cubes of Welsh lamb shoulder cooked with root vegetables, rosemary served with a leek & potato cake

Sides from £1.00

Original or chunky chips. New Potato . Mashed Potato Side salad. Bread Basket. Grated Cheese. Garden Peas. Mushy Peas.. Baked Beans. Fried Egg. Steamed Basmati Rice. Jacket Potato. Steak Sauces. Please ask for more.



Grills

Grilled 10oz Sirloin Steak £15.95

With button mushroom, herb tomato and garden peas

Thick Cut Gammon Steak (approx. weight 9oz) £9.95

With salad, peas, pineapple and organic egg

Grilled Welsh Lamb Cutlets£14.95

Served with crushed potatoes and a sweet black onion sauce

Mixed Grill £17.95

Rump steak plus chicken, gammon, lamb cutlets, black pudding, tomato, sausage, mushrooms, chips & peas.

Black Boy Burger £10.95

Served in a local bakers bap with salad and a few chips

Our Local Butcher whom we use for most of our meats has a policy that if he cannot see the meat growing in his own fields, he does not supply us.

Vegetarian

Baked Whole Aubergine (V) £8.95

Filled with honey roasted vegetables glazed with cheese and served with a minted natural yoghurt

Mixed Bean Spicy Chilli (V) £8.25

Topped with cheese served with basmati rice

Organic Egg Omelette (V) £7.65

Local Pwllheli organic eggs served with tomato, mushroom, local cheese and salad



Fish / Pysgod

- Hand Battered Haddock** £10.95
With homemade chips, mint pea puree and Black Boy tatare sauce
- Whole tail Breaded Scampi** £9.95
With homemade chips, salad and Black Boy tatare sauce
- Grilled Salmon Fillet** £9.95
Served on a creamy crab risotto
- Pan Fried Red Mullet Fillets**.....£11.95
Served on new potatoes with a pea & cockle chowder
- Thai Mixed Fish Curry** £9.95
Served with steamed noodle rice
- Grilled Crab Tortilla Chips** £7.95 Mains • £4.95 Starter
With red onions and mixed peppers drizzled with tomato sauce and glazed with mozzarella

To Finish / I Diwedd

- Jam Roly Polly** £4.95
Served with custard or ice cream
- Baked Lemon & Ginger Cheesecake**.....£ 4.95
- Profiteroles Smothered with warm chocolate sauce**..... £4.95
- Hot Rice Pudding**£ 4.95
With jam, cream & brandy prunes
- Warm Chocolate & Banana Cake**.....£ 4.95
With chocolate fudge sauce
- Selection of Welsh Cheese**£7.95
Served with chutney & biscuits with fruit
- Freaky Novelty Toy** with ice cream inside £2.95
- Welsh Ice Cream**£2.95



SANDWICHES • WRAPS • BAGUETTE`S • JACKET

All sandwiches served with crisps or salad from £4.95

Choose one of fillings below

Chicken, Mango & Avocado with coriander mayo

Beef Strips in Hoi Sin Sauce with lettuce & red onion

Sugar Roast Ham with orange and mustard dressing

Welsh Cheese with apple & ginger chutney

Smoked Salmon with black pepper

Tuna Mayonnaise with cucumber

Greenland Prawns in a Caernarfon dressing

Warm Roast Beef with red onion compote

Grilled Bacon with melted cheese

Warm Fish Fingers with salad cream

Grilled Bacon & Brie

Beverages

Pot of Tea £2.25 per person

Pot of Tea £3.95 per person

For one with homemade welsh scone served with raspberry jam.

Cappuccino .Latte. Espresso .Ground coffee all from £1.95

Liqueur Coffee from £4.95



Children's Menu Plant

- Whole tail Breaded Scampi** £5.95
With homemade chips, salad and Black Boy tataré sauce
- Hand Battered Fish Goujons** £4.95
with chips & peas
- Rump Steak 7oz** £8.95
Served with chips & salad
- Welsh Pasta** £4.95
Served with either tomato & basil sauce or cheese sauce or mushroom sauce or butter.
- Sausage Chips & Beans** £4.95
Local supplied sausage served with our own chips & baked beans
- Italian Chicken Dippers**..... £4.95
Chicken dippers served plain or with tomato sauce or cheese
- Lasagne Our Own**..... £4.95
One of the most popular
- Beefburger 1/4 in a Bun**.....£4.95
With salad & chips
- Veggie Burger** £4.95
Veg burger in bun with salad & chips

For the sweet Tooth

- Freaky Novelty Toy** with ice cream inside £2.95
- Welsh Ice Cream**£2.95